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AND MEANWHILE, THE INVENTION PIRATES FUME IN THEIR TRAILER HIDE-OUT...








SO AFTER THE INVENTION PIRATES ARE LOCKED UP








Cap'n Pete Pelican had spent several days visiting and sight-seeing in Japan. "Time to weigh anchor and head for the sea, Ebisu," the salty old world traveler told his oriental friend and guide. "You've shown me some mighty interesting sights, matey."
"It was a great honor, Cap'n Pete," the guide bowed. "You have seen many things. But before you leave the orient you must visit the village of the great fishing birds."
"A village of fishing birds?" Pete exclaimed. "What kind of birds are they? Do we have anything in common?"
"The birds are called cormorants, Cap'n." Ebisu bowed again. "They are raised and trained especially for fishing, and they are given the greatest care and respect by their owners. It is a good life for a bird."
"Blow me down!" Pete exploded. "This bears investigating. If these birds are treated so royally just for fishing, maybe I've been missing the boat all these years. Here's one fisherman who could learn to live like a lling. Why, I might even decide to stay in this village. Hoist anchor, Ebisu, we sail for the village of the fishing birds,"

So Ebisu led Cap'n Pete Pelican to a small village on the Nagara Riter. "Many centuries ago," he explained as they traveled over hill and dale, "our Emperor honored two families in this village by selecting them to raise and train these birds to catch fish for the royal family."
"Blow me down!" Cap'n Pete cried. "I might get to meet the Emperor."
"So sorry, Cap'n Pete. Today cormorant fishing is mainly a tourist attraction," the guide told the pelican.
"Spin my spinnaker!" Cap'n Pete bellowed. "Maybe a talent scout will discover me, and

I'll become famous."
"Here is the village, Cap'n Pete. I will take you directly to the place where the cormorants áre trained," Ebisu bowed. "We will watch them in action."

Cap'n Pete Pelican bowed, too, in the true oriental manner.

Cap'n Pete and, Ebisu watched the glossy green-and-black birds dive and surface in the waters of the Nagara River, catching fish in their throats.

Cap'n Pete grew thoughtful. "Say, matey," he said, turning to Ebisu. "Pipe me aboard, These birds have the basic idea of fishing, but they need a few lessons from an old seafaring fisherman like me."

Cap'n Pete was about to join the cormorants on the water when he saw their trainer pull the birds into an awaiting boat by a long hempen rope, which was fastened to a circlet each bird wore around his throat.
"Awk!" Pete clutched his own throat as he watched the trainer massage the birds' throats so they would eject the fish into an awaiting basket. "Avast, matey," Pete cried in alarm. "What kind of fishing is this?"
"As you can see," Ebisu spoke, "these fishing birds are trained to eat only the very smallest fish that slip through the circlets they wear around their necks.".
"Then this is not for me, matey," Pete shuddered. "Too many strings attached to this way of fishing. I could never be happy tied down to my work the way these cormorants are. I was brought up to believe that every bird should be free to fly or fish where he wants. I'm mighty grateful to you, though, for showing me something that reminded me of my good fortune." Cap'n Pete saluted his guide, then flew off toward home.

LEON, THE TEENSY-WEENSY LION

## TRIGGER HAPPY PAPPY






SO, THE NEXT DAY...



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# RoffandReddy THE LOST SCOTCHMAN 









